AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A process for preparing a multi-layer packaging film for a packaging, comprising cutting at least two lines of perforations completely through a plastic film consisting of a single plastic film, that is to be a pre-cut, surface plastic layer of said multi-layer packaging film, there being no other layer in contact with the plastic film during the cutting of the at least two lines of perforations, each of the at least two lines of perforations extending from edge to edge of the plastic film, joining said pre-cut plastic layer with at least one other layer to form the multi-layer packaging film, and providing a notch in one edge of said multi-layer packaging film in the region of the perforations for initiating tearing along said tear line, two lines of the at least two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the package, the notch is situated between the two lines of perforations, the at least two lines of perforations serve as an aid for alignment of said tear line propagating in said multi-layer packaging film upon tearing open said packaging, said packaging being easy to open by means of said tear line and said notch.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer is joined to the at least one other layer by means of an adhesive layer to make up the multi-layer film.

Claims 14 to 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim ~~16,~~ 13, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claims 18 and 19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer is joined to the at least one other layer by means of extrusion to make up the multi-layered film.

Claim 21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 21, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 23, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claims 25 and 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The process for the production of a pouch for packaging, comprising cutting at least one line of perforations completely through a plastic film consisting of a single plastic film, that is to be a

pre-cut, surface plastic layer of said multi-layer packaging film there being no other layer in contact with the plastic film during the cutting of the at least one line of perforations, each of the at least one line of perforations extending from edge to edge of the plastic film, joining said pre-cut plastic layer with at least one other layer to form the multi-layer packaging film, dividing the multi-layer packaging film into at least two parts, providing a notch in one edge of at least one part of said multi-layer packaging film and in opposite edge of at least another part of said multi-layer packaging film, in the region of the perforations for initiating tearing along said tear line, the at least one line of perforations serve as an aid for alignment of said tear line propagating in said multi-layer packaging film upon tearing open said packaging, and forming the pouch by sealing edges of the one part with the edges of another part that is positioned so that the each at least one line of perforations and the notch of each of the one part with the another part are aligned with each other, said packaging being easy to open by means of said at least one tear line and said notch.

Claims 28 to 48 (Cancelled).

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The process for the production of a pouch for packaging, comprising cutting at least one line of perforations completely through a plastic film consisting of a single plastic film, that is to be a pre-cut, surface plastic layer of said multi-layer packaging film there being no other layer in contact with the plastic film during the cutting of the at least one line of perforations, each of the at least one line of perforations extending from edge to edge of the plastic film, joining said pre-cut plastic layer with at least one other

layer to form the multi-layer packaging film, dividing the multi-layer packaging film into at least two parts, providing a notch in one edge of at least one part of said multi-layer packaging film and in opposite edge of at least another part of said multi-layer packaging film, in the region of the perforations for initiating tearing along said tear line, the at least one line of perforations serve as an aid for alignment of said tear line propagating in said multi-layer packaging film upon tearing open said packaging, and forming the pouch by sealing edges of the one part with the edges of another part that is positioned so that the each at least one line of perforations and the notch of each of the one part with the another part are aligned with each other, the plastic film having at least one line of perforations of the one part and the another part of the pouch is situated on the inner side of the pouch, said packaging being easy to open by means of said at least one tear line and said notch.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 49, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer is joined to the at least one other layer by means of adhesive layer to make up the multi-layer film.

Claim 51 (New): A method of producing an easy opening bag-type package (20), comprising a multi-layer packaging film (10) having two lines of perforations (18, 18') arranged substantially in parallel and at a distance (a) from one another and serving as a guide for a tear developing in the packaging film (10) when the bag-type package (20) is torn open, the perforations (18, 18') being cut into a film (14), the film (14) pre-cut in this manner being joined to another film (12) in order to form the packaging film (10) and a tear notch (24)

being arranged on the bag-type package (20) in the region of the perforations (18, 18'), the packaging film (10) consisting of an outer film (12) of polyethylene terephthelate (PET) forming the outside of the bag-type package (20) and an inner film (14) of polyethylene (PE) forming the inside of the bag-type package (20) and, optionally, an adhesive layer between the PET film (12) and the PE film (14), the lines of perforation (18, 18') being cut into the inner film (14) forming the inside of the bag-type package (20) and the tear notch (24) being arranged between the two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Claim 52 (New): The method according to Claim 51, wherein the perforations (18, 18') are cut before the inner film (14) has been coated with adhesive (16).

Claim 53 (New): The method according to Claim 51, wherein the perforations (18, 18') are cut after the inner film (14) has been coated with adhesive (16).